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1. It has been reported that between 5 and 7 July 1953 all officers and enlisted men stationed at the Soviet Air Base at Werneuchen, after dismounting all movable equipment, left Werneuchen by motor transport in the direction of Frankfurt/Oder.

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2. [ ] the orders to move came unexpectedly and the final destination of the unit was not announced to the personnel concerned. All equipment, such as wind-socks, radio towers and power units, was dismantled in great haste and shipped out at the same time, by truck.

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3. [ ] the departing unit took along from the air base much of the equipment which had been recently installed, such as sanitary equipment, shop equipment and even fences. Immediately after the departure of the Soviet unit, a small VP detachment consisting of approximately 50 men and one officer established itself as a guard unit at the abandoned Soviet air base. This has caused rumors in town to the effect that the VPs may take over this air base for its purposes, possibly as a training school for the East German air force.
4. A German operated and manned tailorshop which heretofore has worked exclusively for the Soviet personnel of the Werneuchen Air Base and which occupied a small section of one of the main barracks of the base is still there and is now allegedly accepting work from Soviet personnel stationed at Strausberg.

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